## **CRPF** joins hands with Haryana Government for massive plantation

The Central Reserve Police force the lead Internal Security force of the country has a culture of being in close affinity to nature and preserving it. Recently the Force surpassed its own target, of planting 22 lakh trees this year by planting 25 lakh trees in a matter of few months after the Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah commenced the Akhil Bhartiya Vriksharopan Abhiyaan. The force is now institutionalising its commitment by signing an MoU with the Haryana Govt which aims at creating a formal basis for cooperation and collaboration between CRPF and Forest Department, Govt of Haryana focussing on mission of Green India and to provide a healthy environment to its citizens. This online event which was attended by Dr. A.P. Maheshwari, DG CRPF, Dr. (Mrs) Amarinder Kaur,IFS, PCCF (HOFF), Haryana Govt and other senior officers from both the signatory parties.

Calling this MoU 'historic', Dr. Amrinder Kaur, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests cum Managing Director, Haryana Forest Development Corporation said that the impact of this initiative will be far-reaching and will be felt all over the country. She also said that the initiative will turn a forest deficient State into an example of afforestation.

In his address, DG CRPF expressed his happiness that yet again the force has successfully committed to a noble cause that will not only benefit us but will help in providing clean environment for the generations to come.

The MoU which laid foundation for this collaboration for next 7 years in 8 districts of Haryana was signed by, Sh. Rakesh Kumar, IG Northern Sector for CRPF and Sh. Vineet Garg, PCCF (CAMPA) for Govt of Haryana. The MoU will enable cooperation in massive plantation and maintenance/nurturing of the planted trees on Government land, Forest Land, Institutional land, Panchayat land, and Community land. Attuned with the new technology, the plantation will also be carried out by drones/UAVs to increase green cover on significantly larger stretches of land.

